

At the same time Friends were foremost in relieving the War Victims' distress after the battle of New Ross, the officers of the Coldstream Guards who were engaged in the battle liberally assisting.

In the awful famine period of 1846-1847 English Friends united with Irish Friends in the relief operations, but nothing could arrest the awful scourge of death and disease which arose from anterior economic conditions. Some Friends who were active in relieving others succumbed to Famine Fever. During the Smith-O'Brien rebellion of 1848 almost all the Protestants at Carrick-on-Suir fled from their homes. The Friends who remained were wholly unharmed.

My time has expired and I have only touched the fringe of our subject, but I must leave time for the speakers who are to follow me.

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Professor Firth on Early Quaker Biography

SOMETIMES in the lives of the Quakers we get glimpses of great men and great events. Fox's *Journal* brings Cromwell before us; in Ellwood's *Life* Milton appears for a moment; the story of the sailor [Thomas Lurting] who served under Blake before he was converted supplies us with one of the best accounts of the battle of Santa Cruz. But in general the special merit of the lives of the Quakers is that they introduce us to a wider circle than the memoirs of courtiers and noble-men; all sorts and conditions of men appear in their pages; a picture of the middle classes and the people could be put together from them.

CHARLES HARDING FIRTH, M.A. Oxon, Regius Professor of Modern History, art. "Some Seventeenth Century Diaries," in *The Scottish Historical Review*, July, 1913.

Christianity is the sole religion of the world that is built on the principles of love.

WILLIAM PENN, *Good Advice to the Church of England*, 1687, pt. 1, p. 2.